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TAGS: PDIP, MOPS, ET, US

SUBJECT: SPARE PARTS FOR ETHIOPIA

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I. AF/E CONTACTED ROHNER, GEHRIG CO. JANUARY 4 TO  
DISCUSS STATUS OF SHIPMENTS. COMPANY OFFICIALS MET WITH  
AM0ASSADOR AYALEW AT THEIR NEW YORK OFFICE IN EARLY  
DECEMBER AND ARE PLEASED WITH PROGRESS MADE SINCE THEN.  
ETHIOPIAN ARMY HAS PAID ITS DEBTS IN FULL AS HAS THE  
ETHIOPIAN NAVY. NAVY STILL HAS SOME TECHNICAL PROBLEMS  
TO WORK OUT WITH SWIFTSKIPS (ROHNER, GEHRIG SUBSIDIARY).  
ETHIOPIAN AIR FORCE STILL OWES ROHNER, GEHRIG SOME DOLS  
I60,000 AND COMPANY WHICH EXPECTED THAT PAYMENT SOME SIX  
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WEEKS AGO NOW EXPECTS RECEIVE PAYMENT THIS MONTH.

2. ROHNER, GEHRIG IS TREATING ORDER AS UNIT REQUIRING  
COMPLETE PAYMENT OF COSTS OH ENTIRE ORDER BEFORE SHIPPING  
ANY SEGMENT. WHEN FINAL OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS ARE MADE  
AND FINAL WAREHOUSE EXPENSES PAID (NOW PAID THROUGH  
DECEMBER I), COMPANY CAN SHIP ALL ITEMS WITHIN THREE

WEEKS. 90 PERCENT OF SHIPMENT WILL GO BY SEA FROM ATLANTIC AND GULF PORTS. UP TO 10 PERCENT MAY GO BY AIR FROM LOS ANGELES.

3. SWIFTSHIP OFFICIALS PLAN MEET AMBASSADOR AYALEW JANUARY 18 IN WASHINGTON TO RESOLVE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS.

4. DEPT OFF ASKED ROHNER GEHRIG TO ADVISE US WHEN SHIPMENT DATE FIRMED UP. CHRISTOPHER

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